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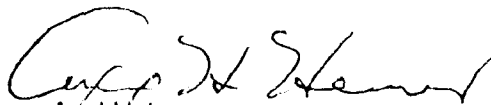
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

We are writing to show our support for the Microsoft antitrust settlement. It is of vital concern to this country that a climate of stability and support be established for American businesses to flourish. With the grave challenges facing America now, both in the domestic economy and around the world, self-destructive legal abuse is uncalled for.

Microsoft has shown that it is willing to bend over backwards to reach a settlement that will help its partners and competitors perhaps more than itself. The settlement, whatever the effect it has on Microsoft, will greatly help the broader American technology industry. Software companies will be better able to have their products work with Microsoft's Windows operating system when Microsoft makes the code for the internal interfaces and server interoperability protocols that tie program together available. Computer manufacturers will have more flexibility to contract with other companies, like AOL Time Warner, RealNetworks, and Symantec to substitute their products for the program Microsoft includes in the standard Windows installation, such as Internet Explorer. The American computer industry should benefit from the settlement.

I welcome your support and leadership for the settlement, Mr. Attorney General. The Federal Judge who will be deciding on the settlement should approve it in the best interests of the American public.

Sincerely,



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